

AMA-CHEWER

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Sept. 9th Business meeting of the club.

Sept. 23rd Feature meeting, program of interest will be presented on this night.

Meetings are held at the Marine Armory 2830 East Riverside Drive. 8.00 PM meetings called to order. CDS time. You are welcome to attend and if you like our company you are invited to apply for membership.

Meetings

From the above you will note that meetings are now scheduled for twice a month. The second and fourth Friday's of each month. Make note of this change and let's see a bigger turn out for these less frequent meetings. Many of you wanted it this way so now let's see how it turns out.

SUMMER DOINGS

Amachewer has not gone to press for some time, May to be exact, and a lot has taken place during that time. Field day, Angus boat trip, Ind. State Fair operation, etc.

About Field day, not too many participated in this event but it did fairly well for those that did participate. This time there were more antennas up, and we mean up two weeks in advance, than there were transmitters and receivers to hook up to them. Antennas were put up for all the promised equipment but the equipment was not forthcoming on the day it was to be used. It seems that many blow hot and cold, hot with hot air when something is talked about but cold as the devil when it comes to actually turning out for the big event. Anyway, if you want to have it again next year it had better be supported with some work as well as talk.

Still going on at the present time, (Sept. 14th) the club station W9JP is operating at the Indiana State Fair in the Radio City Building. The equipment set up in the corridor of that building is using equipment furnished by Graham Electronics, operators furnished by the Indianapolis Radio Club, the Indiana Radio Club Council, and The Mobile club of Indianapolis. Thus it is a cooperative effort to help carry out the communications theme of this year's State Fair. A letter from our club president follows which gives some reports on same.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so much to making W9JP/9 such a success at the Indiana State Fair. At the half way mark we have handled over 500 messages.

Thanks for the help and we will have a complete report in the next issue of Amachewer.

Guy Oakes W9UQW
Pres. Indpls Radio Club.

We hope that you saw the equipment at work while you were at the fair. Ye ed was out, saw several hams and told them about the affair in the Radio Building. Operators from over the state were there to man the daytime schedule of operation. One radio broadcast by Jim Shelton gave quite a build up to the operation. Nice going.

CENTRAL DIVISION ARRL CONVENTION

The time draws nearer for the Central division convention to be held in South Bend, Ind. October 15, 16, 1955. This is under the sponsorship of the Indiana Radio Club Council. Advance registration is \$3.50 or it will be \$4.00 at the door. Hotel reservations can be made through the Convention registration committee, Box 551, South Bend, Indiana. Banquet tickets will be extrabut cost will be held low. Plenty of activity for the OM and the YL or XYL is being planned so make your plans and reservations now.

RAMBLING AROUND

James Sugioka, our vice president subing one night as secretary pro tem wrote ye ed and noted that QST subscriptions were to be taken by Claude Richie to be sent in. This is one of the groups that is just now expiring so see Claude if yours is about to expire. Jim noted that at his writing, July 8th, there had been no report on field day score. Not yet!

From our Secretary Pete a note to the effect of a FCC notice concerning those working DX. It cautions U. S. Amateurs not to communicate with stations in Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Laos, Thailand and Viet Nam. The prefixes to be avoided are FI8, 3W8, xw8, PK, EP, EQ, HL & HS. That's it, so watch your countries when going out after that DX.

A letter and enclosure from W9NNX, Art Schultz. The list is films that are available from the Indianapolis Public Library. Perhaps there some that can be used at club meetings. The list is being turned over to the club officers. Art had marked some of the listings, included was one, "How to conduct a discussion". His written comment, "Here is something we all could use". How true, especially so because it no doubt stresses that those not having the floor at the time should sit quietly and not talk amongst themselves as is so rudely done at some club meetings.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE, old RCA SW receiver \$20.00 Need 6 meter converter, W9PUI Belmont 7203

FOR SALE Heathkit AT-1 \$25.00 Call Burton Siegel W9ZRQ

COMMENTS

A letter last June 8th from the Tall Gentleman, W9TG, or the Truthful Gentleman. Doc related how he has been instrumental in getting W9TA back on the air and then went on to say that he had found a June 1925 Government call book and he enclosed a list of hams that he had copied out of it. More about that later. Doc has been fairly active and in fact just after ye ed received his letter he talked to Ray Forbes and Ray said that he and D. J. Angus had been down to Franklin to see TG. Glad to hear from you Doc and hope to see you one of these days.

Talking about the old call book in Doc's letter, Ye ed; just as he pulled out the typewriter to get out this rag; received a phone call

from Ray Birren at 702 Spring Road, Elmhurst, Ill. Ray was in town and passed along the information that he wanted to buy some old call books, of the Government printed variety especially, and that in addition that he had some old magazines that he would like to pass along to someone wanting same. A letter to Ray will be answered he says and as he is in town about every two months he can talk to you in person at that time.

Jerry Bramblett, sponser of Tech Radio Club says that the club had during its fall term kept in contact with Allen Landreth, W9STW every Tuesday through Cornell University station W2CXM. Allen is active there in the Cornell Radio Club. The club has also been in contact with Bob James, W9URA and Bob Witham, W9PPS, both of Purdue. Tech Radio Club call is W9HFQ and it has turned out several novices. By the way Les Bannon, W9ZTD is going to Purdue this year so no doubt there will be an Indianapolis Radio Club meeting up Lafayette way.

BUILDING FUND AND ED COMMENTS

Another check for \$3.05 has been received from the Food Craft shop for labels, that is \$2.05 for labels and a \$1 bonus for turning in more than \$2 at one time. Another list, same as last one you received in May is being inserted in this issue of Amachewer. Cut or tear off those labels listed and bring them to club, this will help our long haul program.

The last item said long haul. Yes, that is what it seems like because of several factors. A meeting of the building fund committee in the early summer was not very well attended and of those attending and those contacted by phone it was felt that a shot in the arm of some strong stimulant was needed by all club members to show some spirit and signs of activity so that when a building project was undertaken and finished that enough members and ACTIVE members at that must be in evidence to keep the place going when it were finished.

I pause here to reprint an article appearing in the TriState Amateur Radio Society at Evansville, Ind.

Quote

As this writer sees it, the first requisite for a successful club is the will of the MEMBERS to promote a radio unit that will be forever lasting and one that works for the best interests of amateur radio and for the members. Are you on a committee to do something towards such an end? What have you done to help things along? Are you one of the few who are willing to do some thinking in advance without some one having to urge you to do it? If not, WHY NOT? Maybe you don't like the way Felix, Gus, or Joe do things? Have you ever stopped to think of how they might think of WOU? But, by golly, you will see them right in there pitching to help out TARS in any they can! So you don't like the way the we-we net is run on 20 fone? Perhaps you are the one to issue a personal invite to the members of this net to come down and you will discuss ethics, etc, of ham radio? He who lives in a glass house should be the last to cast a stone. So, don't wait for Joe to do it, tell the man you will be glad to do your part, OK?

Unquote

Now that leads us up the punch line. Is it YOU that is at fault when something is not done that is not being done as YOU think it should be done.

We have a Chief Operator who went all out to try and make Field Day an extra good event. Antennas were put up and ready two weeks in advance. What happened, There were not enough fellows turned out to fully man the transmitters on the air and one antenna went unexcited because there wasn't even enough equipment to load it up. Who was at fault, was it you? Why not answer that truthfully.

A ham seems to be a ham for what he an. Now what the devil is that. A new club, the mobile club has started up. It started up with the requirement that to join you must have an installation, it was soon waived so that more membership could be drawn into its folds. What is their interest that they wanted to start a separate club. It is Radio, Amateur Radio but the Mobile angle of Radio. But, it is still Radio. Get the point, one little special diversion of Radio start a club yo encompass that one phase of our art. What happens if one tires of Mobile operation. You answer that one. Which leads up to the point that the Indianapolis Radio Club has been in operation since (according to our letterheads- 1916, and according to Alvey Pittman on his Jim Shelton interview- 1914) ham radio became recognized as such and it has served varied interests as its membership desired.

Why is it that a lot of either never have been members, or past members don't support the club until they need something that it offers and then come asking its help or using the facilities that the loyal members have maintained during the years.

It all comes back to the fact that any club can only be what its membership puts into it in effort, sweat, and toil, satisfaction of a job well done when membership has put effort into its ideas. So, when a suggestion is offered at club do not immediately forget it as soon as you leave the meeting but put some thought into it, dig into facts that may help to bring about the realization of the idea.

Let us all then really do something in the way of help as well as attendance at club meetings. Be willing volunteers and do the job when we do volunteer. Be the driver instead of the rider.

Summed up then, our building can be a long range plan, keep monies going into the fund, interest will help build it up, buy the lot and then for the project with enough membership to support it when it is an accomplished fact.

Club elections will be coming up before long and we will need candidates for offices. Show us what you can do and we will support you and what you represent when you are elected. Let's all PULL.

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